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TALENT Security Officer, CIA

Establishment of TALENT Control Center within Department of State

1. Approval has been granted by the TCO/CIA with the concurrence of the TSO/CIA for the establishment of a TALENT Control Center within the Department of State.
2. The Director of Central Intelligence has been charged with the responsibility for the conduct of an extremely sensitive project and for the exploitation and dissemination of the intelligence products of this project. A security and control system has been established within the intelligence community by select representatives of the community who have agreed to the standards and requirements of the TALENT Control System including reserving the right to inspect TALENT facilities, dossiers and control procedures only.
3. A Control Center within the Department of State has been approved and is physically located within the Restricted Area presently being utilized for the safe storage of Special Intelligence in the Special Projects Staff Area. The names proposed by the SPS to handle the evaluations of State Personnel are Mr. Jack Minor and Mr. Otto Otepka.
4. Messrs Armstrong, Furnas and Walker of the SPS have received appropriate TALENT Clearances and have been properly briefed and required to execute Security Agreement forms.
5. It is understood that immediate evaluations will be required for:

Mr. T. A. Polyzoides as TCO
Mr. Leslie Rood as Alt. TCO
Mr. Robert F. Packard, SPS and TSO
Mr. Robert G. Walker, cleared and Alt. TSO.

The request for TALENT evaluations and clearances will normally flow from the TSO/State only to Mr. Minor DD/SY or Mr. Otepka who will render a security opinion to the TSO/State. It will be the responsibility of the TSO/State to indoctrinate properly cleared State personnel and require such personnel to sign the TALENT Security Briefing Agreement. The TCO/State is required to maintain and furnish to the TSO/CIA a listing of all personnel within State who have been granted a TALENT Clearance and briefing. A supplemental list will be furnished each two weeks to TALENT Control Headquarters and will contain the names of individuals to be added or deleted from the basic list.

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Acceptance of the procedures and standards of the TCS and the submission of a list of positions to the TCO/CIA for those to be cleared for access to TALENT materials will be a prerequisite for any U.S. Government Department, Agency, or Command to receive, possess or process TALENT materials. When the positions are approved by the TCO/CIA the names of the individuals cleared and briefed filling these positions are submitted via the TCO or TSO/State to the TALENT Control Headquarters or TCO/CIA.

6. Investigation and Clearance Standards for TALENT Personnel:

- a. Need-to-know or must-know in order to carry out official duties.
- b. Top Secret clearance based upon a full field investigation and at least a five-way National Agency name check including a check of the file of the FBI.
- c. Clearance to receive Top Secret or (SI) materials.
- d. Unquestioned loyalty to the USA.
- e. Unquestioned loyalty of immediate family to USA.
- f. No close associates whose loyalty to USA is questioned.
- g. No close relatives subject to duress by a foreign power.
- h. American citizenship.
- i. Possess stable moral character.
- j. Continual violators of security systems are not acceptable.
- k. A general or flag officer who has served in the Armed Forces for a period of ten years or more may be approved without being subjected to a full field investigation.

7. Other positions submitted by State and approved by the TCO/CIA include:

The Secy. of State, John Foster Dulles
The Under Secy. of State, Herbert Hoover, Jr.
The Deputy Under Secy. for Political Affairs, Mr. Robert Murphy
C/EE Br/SPS, Mr. William Marvel
Secretary to SA/SPS, Miss Mary V. Moorman
Secretary to Dir/SPS, Mrs. Laurel G. Caruthers.

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8. Mr. William Marvel will represent the Department of State on the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee. The TSO/CIA has been advised that all of those listed have been cleared for Special Intelligence.

9. The words "TALENT" or "CHESS" are code words and when used in connection with material resulting from this Project are classified CONFIDENTIAL and should not be discussed over the telephone or with persons not cleared for TALENT.

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